

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new claims:

5015 > --18. A method of detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 1, wherein said light is a white light.

19. A method of detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 1, wherein in the step of detecting the endpoint, the endpoint is detected on the basis of a spectral intensity of the detected reflected light.

20. A method of detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 1, wherein said light is a UV light.

21. An apparatus for detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 5, wherein the light is a white light.

22. An apparatus for detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 5, wherein the processing means detects the endpoint of polishing processing on the basis of a spectral intensity of the detected reflected light.

23. An apparatus for detecting an endpoint of polishing processing according to claim 5, wherein the light is a UV light.

#### REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 3 and 4, 7 and 8, originally presented in independent form, have now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the